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For: "Quickly and Safely Maintained  
Sand-Filtering Device"

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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated August 14, 2003.  
Please amend the above-identified application as described below. **All  
amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.